AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-49. (cancelled)

50. (currently amended) A method for managing risk associated with at least one financial transaction, each said financial transaction having at least a first risk factor and a second, different risk factor, the method comprising the steps of, for each individual financial transaction of said at least one financial transaction:

a) receiving the individual financial transaction~~;~~ at a time of making the individual financial transaction and, substantially concurrently following said receiving step, performing the remaining steps of the method comprising:

b) performing a first hedging transaction on the received financial transaction that removes the first risk factor from the received transaction; and

c) assigning said first hedging transaction to a first risk book associated with said first risk factor.

51. (previously presented) The method of claim 50, wherein said method further comprises the steps of, for each individual financial transaction of said at least one financial transaction:

d) performing a second hedging transaction on the received financial transaction that removes the second risk factor from the received transaction; and

e) assigning said second hedging transaction to a second risk book associated with said second risk factor.

52. (previously presented) The method of claim 50, wherein said first risk factor is an interest rate risk and said first risk book is an interest rate risk book.

53. (previously presented) The method of claim 52, wherein said second risk factor is an FX risk and said second risk book is an FX risk book.

54. (currently amended) A method for managing risk associated with at least one financial transaction, each said financial transaction having associated therewith at least one of a plurality of risk factors, each risk factor being different from all of the other risk factors, the method comprising the steps of, for each individual financial transaction of said at least one financial transaction:

a) receiving the individual financial transaction~~;~~ at a time of making the individual financial transaction and, substantially concurrently following said receiving step, performing the remaining steps of the method comprising:

b) performing a respective hedging transaction on the received financial transaction that removes a respective one of the plurality of risk factors from the received transaction; and

c) assigning said respective hedging transaction to a respective risk book associated with said respective risk factor.

55. (previously presented) The method of claim 54, wherein said method further comprises the step of, for at least one individual financial transaction of said at least one financial transaction, repeating said steps (b) and (c) for a further risk factor associated with that individual financial transaction.

56. (previously presented) The method of claim 54, wherein one of said risk factors is an interest rate risk and the associated risk book is an interest rate risk book.

57. (previously presented) The method of claim 54, wherein one of said risk factors is an interest rate risk and the associated risk book is an interest rate risk book.

58. (previously presented) The method of claim 54, wherein one of said risk factors is an interest rate risk and the associated risk book is an interest rate risk book.

59. (previously presented) The method of claim 54, wherein one of said risk factors is an interest rate risk and the associated risk book is an interest rate risk book.

60. (previously presented) The method of claim 54, wherein a first one of said risk factors is an interest rate risk and the associated risk book is an interest rate risk book, a second one of said risk factors is an FX risk and the associated risk book is an FX risk book, a third one of said risk factors is a collateral risk and the associated risk book is an collateral risk book, and a fourth one of said risk factors is a volatility risk and the associated risk book is a volatility risk book.

61. (previously presented) The method of claim 54, wherein a first one of said at least one financial transaction has at least first and second risk factors associated therewith, the first financial transaction being an FX forward contract between a first currency and a second currency, said FX forward contract having a delivery date, and

wherein the step of performing the respective hedging transaction for the first risk factor associated with the first financial transaction includes the steps of:

borrowing money in said first currency to be payable on said delivery date; and

depositing money in said second currency to be received on said delivery date; and

wherein the step of performing the respective hedging transaction for the second risk factor associated with the first financial transaction includes the step of:

executing a spot transaction between said first currency and said second currency.

62. (previously presented) The method of claim 54, wherein a first one of said at least one financial transaction has at least first, second and third risk factors associated therewith, the first financial transaction being a gold lease having a delivery date and providing periodic interest payments in a first currency, and

wherein the step of performing the respective hedging transaction for the first risk factor associated with the first financial transaction includes the step of:

executing a zero-coupon gold deposit to be payable on said delivery date;

wherein the step of performing the respective hedging transaction for the second risk factor associated with the first financial transaction includes the steps of:

executing a note being due on said delivery date, said note requiring periodic interest payments to be made in said first currency; and

executing a zero-coupon loan in said first currency to be paid on said delivery date;

and wherein the step of performing the respective hedging transaction for the third risk factor associated with the first financial transaction includes the step of:

executing a spot transaction between said first currency and a second currency.

63. (currently amended) A system for managing risk, the system comprising:

at least one trader book, said at least one trader book including at least one financial transaction, wherein each said financial transaction has a first risk factor and a second risk factor;

at least a first risk book and a second risk book; and

a risk stripping module, said risk stripping module being connected for communication with said at least one trader book, said first risk book and said second risk book,

wherein said risk stripping module is operative to perform a method comprising the steps of, for each individual financial transaction of said at least one financial transaction:

a) receiving the individual financial transaction~~;~~ at a time of making the individual financial transaction and, substantially concurrently following said receiving step, performing the remaining steps of the method comprising:

b) performing a first hedging transaction on the received financial transaction that removes the first risk factor from the received transaction; and

c) assigning said first hedging transaction to the first risk book associated with said first risk factor.

64. (previously presented) The system of claim 63, wherein said method further comprises the steps of, for each individual financial transaction of said at least one financial transaction:

d) performing a second hedging transaction on the received financial transaction that removes the second risk factor from the received transaction; and

e) assigning said second hedging transaction to the second risk book associated with said second risk factor.

65. (previously presented) The system of claim 63, wherein said first risk factor is an interest rate risk and said first risk book is an interest rate risk book.

66. (previously presented) The system of claim 65, wherein said second risk factor is an FX risk and said second risk book is an FX risk book.

67. (currently amended) A system for managing risk, the system comprising:

at least one trader book, said at least one trader book including at least one financial transaction, wherein each said financial transaction has associated therewith at least one of a plurality of risk factors, each risk factor being different from all of the other risk factors;

a plurality of risk books, wherein each risk book is associated with only one of said risk factors; and

a risk stripping module, said risk stripping module being connected for communication with said at least one trader book, and said plurality of risk books,

wherein said risk stripping module is operative to perform a method comprising the steps of, for each individual financial transaction of said at least one financial transaction:

a) receiving the individual financial transaction~~;~~ at a time of making the individual financial transaction and, substantially concurrently following said receiving step, performing the remaining steps of the method comprising:

b) performing a respective hedging transaction on the received financial transaction that removes a respective one of the plurality of risk factors from the received transaction; and

c) assigning said respective hedging transaction to a respective risk book associated with said respective risk factor.

68. (previously presented) The system of claim 67, wherein said method further comprises the step of, for at least one individual financial transaction of said at least one financial transaction, repeating said steps (b) and (c) for a further risk factor associated with that individual financial transaction.

69. (previously presented) The system of claim 67, wherein one of said risk factors is an interest rate risk and the associated risk book is an interest rate risk book.

70. (previously presented) The system of claim 67, wherein one of said risk factors is an interest rate risk and the associated risk book is an interest rate risk book.

71. (previously presented) The system of claim 67, wherein one of said risk factors is an interest rate risk and the associated risk book is an interest rate risk book.

72. (previously presented) The system of claim 67, wherein one of said risk factors is an interest rate risk and the associated risk book is an interest rate risk book.

73. (previously presented) The system of claim 67, wherein a first one of said risk factors is an interest rate risk and the associated risk book is an interest rate risk book, a second one of said risk factors is an FX risk and the associated risk book is an FX risk book, a third one of said risk factors is a collateral risk and the associated risk book is an collateral risk book, and a fourth one of said risk factors is a volatility risk and the associated risk book is a volatility risk book.

74. (previously presented) The system of claim 67, wherein a first one of said at least one financial transaction has at least first and second risk factors associated

therewith, the first financial transaction being an FX forward contract between a first currency and a second currency, said FX forward contract having a delivery date, and

wherein the step of performing the respective hedging transaction for the first risk factor associated with the first financial transaction includes the steps of:

borrowing money in said first currency to be payable on said delivery date; and

depositing money in said second currency to be received on said delivery date; and

wherein the step of performing the respective hedging transaction for the second risk factor associated with the first financial transaction includes the step of:

executing a spot transaction between said first currency and said second currency.

75. (previously presented) The system of claim 67, wherein a first one of said at least one financial transaction has at least first, second and third risk factors associated therewith, the first financial transaction being a gold lease having a delivery date and providing periodic interest payments in a first currency, and

wherein the step of performing the respective hedging transaction for the first risk factor associated with the first financial transaction includes the step of:

executing a zero-coupon gold deposit to be payable on said delivery date;

wherein the step of performing the respective hedging transaction for the second risk factor associated with the first financial transaction includes the steps of:

executing a note being due on said delivery date, said note requiring periodic interest payments to be made in said first currency; and

executing a zero-coupon loan in said first currency to be paid on said delivery date;

and wherein the step of performing the respective hedging transaction for the third risk factor associated with the first financial transaction includes the step of:

executing a spot transaction between said first currency and a second currency.